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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080

Yasuo TAKEBE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5764

Application No.: 10/696,505 : Group Art Unit: 1795

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FOR: METHOD OF OPERATING FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 30, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejection for the reasons set forth below.